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"THE BIG ROBBERY CASE"

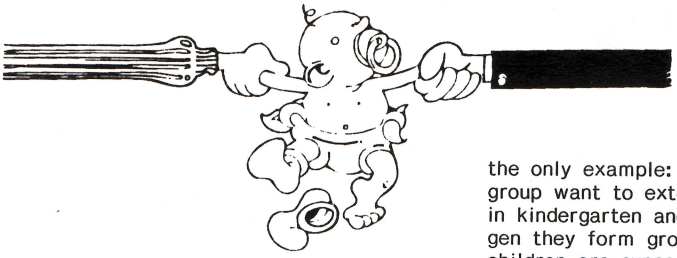
or "The Big Terrorcase" as some prefer, have been the headline story of the media the last couple of months.

April 13. a group of 5 people were arrested and charged §114 and other charges. They were accused of several armed robberies within the last 8-10 years, - and sending the money to PFLP (palestinian organization). During the next days razzias and more arrests followed. In the beginning it all seemed really far out, but in may the police got more evidence: 2-5 a man had a serious car-accident (maybe he was forced by police in a following car), and in his car lots of money were found (from one of the robberies), together with keys and address of the group´s "secret flat" where a big stock of weapon was found, and also a "script" for one of the robberies with fingerprints of some of the arrested on it. During this robbery a cop was killed, and some of the 5 arrested left (june 89) are charged with this killing. The 5 are all in solitary, and they all keep silent. Though all court hearings are "for closed doors" the police have leaked lots of informations(the defend lawyers must not say anything about the case), so we know from the newspapers etc. that the 5 (the so-called "hard core") are connected via a left wing group "communist workers circle" back in 1960´es, and a 3. world solidarity cafe "Liberation" in Copenhagen.

This police practice also ensure, that the 5 are convicted by media long before the tria has started.

The cops have been following the group for many years, and they have suspected them in connection with robberies before now, bu only after the police-killing last year they really put ressources into the investigation and something happened.

This whole case is used as a part of the ge neral repression and hetz in media against left wing and other activists. The many raz zias have resulted in useful info to the cops (like lists of members of political groups et and police tries to criminalize support to th Palestinians by using the terror§ in connection with economic support to PFLP, and in general the case is used to figthen people away form solidarity work.

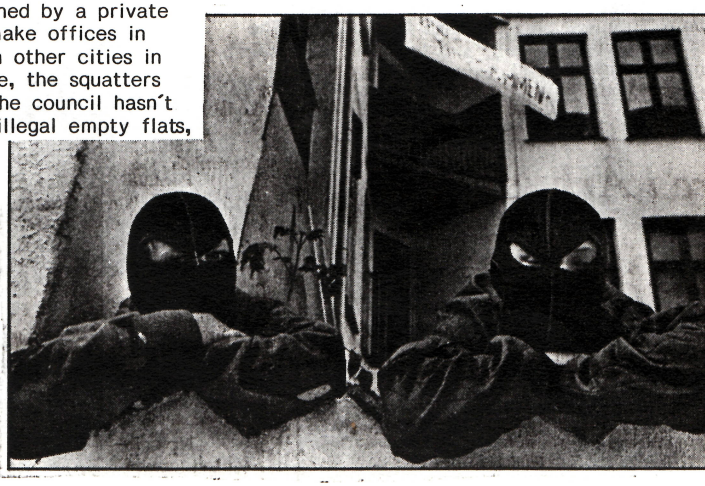


POLICE AGAINST 3-YEARS-OLD

The cops really must be short of work (despite all their propaganda to get more money): now they find criminals among babies! A mother from Østerbro in Copenhagen tells how she got a letter from the police - her son had been involved in vandalism and now (several months later) they wanted to question the boy (3 years old!). The whole "case" was about four kids from a kindergarten who played with rubble, and by accident hit a BMW-car at the front..... And this is not the only example: in Esbjerg the local SSP-group want to extend their work to children in kindergarten and younger, and in Copenhagen they form groups of single mothers, their children are supposed to be more criminal... The "SSP-cooperation" (School - Social services - Police) has been going on here in Denmark for some years, but during the last years they have become more aggressive, especially the police involved. SSP is local groups with local government officials and police, talking "informel" together and giving lectures in schools and youthclubs etc, to prevent crime among children and youth. Their methods have increasingly been critizised, not only by activists but also by social officials and criminologists.

NEW SQUAT IN ÅRHUS

There has been no squats in Århus for some time, but early friday morning, 2-6-89, a house in the city (right behind the police station) was squatted by a group of young people. The squatters seem better prepared and more well-organized than before; they want the house for living in and also to make a cafe, workshops, show films, sell cheap food etc. They have sent a letter to the local council, to tell about their plans, and that they want to redo the house themselves, and they also offer to pay for electricity and water. The house is now owned by a private businessman, who plans to make offices in it (same "development" as in other cities in the world!). It´s a good house, the squatters tell in their letter, and as the council hasn´t forced a letting out of the illegal empty flats, they have moved in to use the house - and they want to talk with the council how to legalize this use. The council hasn´t yet replied. It seems like the squatters can stay until at least 1-8-89, when the owner get answer from the council to his building/construction-plans. The redoing is allready going on, as well as construction of barricades, to protect the squat. The cafe has also started, first time at 5-6, in connection with a demo in solidarity with the chinese students.



POLICE FINALLY GIVES UP

All charges against 7 people suspected for carrying out actions against Shell (and also against AEG, Maersk Air,ØK and others, see Ekomedia nr. 35 & 36) has been dropped.
It all started up in oct. 87 when police accidentally at a trafficcontrol arrested two men carrying equipment which according to the police was ment to be petrol-bombs. Later on followed more arrests and razzias (among other places at Ekomedias address) and further charges were made against the two men and others.
After short time the police had to release the arrested, due to lack of evidences, and during the next year the case quietly fizzled out - and the cops found new items for their efforts, like anti-aprtheid movement (see Ekomedia nr 39).
The only charge left is against the two men for intending to use fire-bombs - 23-8 this will be tried at court, but the evidence is very poor.

REPRESSION CONTINUED

Two left-wing groups, "Autonome Revolutionære" and "The Westgerman Committee" have secretly had their mail opened and read by the police secret service(due to §114 - the "terror-§".) When this encroachment to civil rights were exposed, both police and Minister of Justice became very busy telling about the groups´ "criminal acts" and their "connections to foreign terrorists", but despite all their talking it was still very important to keep the encroachment secret, the police wouldn´t tell anything about it. No charges have ever been made, so the groups have taken the police to court to get a compensation (and also get publicity to the case). But still the police maintains that: the case cannot be published; it is not necessary to tell the groups that their mail was opened (normally they must tell, when the encroachment is finished); the police won´t tell whether the mail was ever opened; or whether it is still opened; no witnesses can be called in the compensation-case - and so they make the work impossible for the lawyer hired by the groups. Recently the court agreed with the police, and so stopped the case. But the lawyer find it very fundamental, so he´ll try to get it to a higher court.

RADIOACTIVE SNOW CLEARING

Workers, who helped at the snow clearing near Thule, Greenland, after an US bombe in 1968 felt down and radioactive materia was spread out from the H-bombs in the p ne, now fear they might have caught disea es form the job, like cancer (see Ekomedi 26-3-87).
One worker died june 88, and his body is kept, frozen, at Risø (scientific center, wh re most danish nuclear research is carried out); another died may 89, and his family can´t get the result of the post-mortem ex amination nor even get to know from wha he died.
Other workers think the authorities try to delay the examination untill 1990, when it too late for the workers to seek for compensation through Court. Like they delay t health-examinations of all 1400 Thule-work ers, which were promised them by government earlier.

McDONALDS

The unions succeeded! McDonald´s has finall signed an agreement - it´s special made for burger-restaurants and other fast food-places and still some details are to be discussed, but it is a kind of victory to the unions tha McDonald´s at all will sign an agreement.
Anyway, this doesn´t change the facts, that McDonald´s still is responsible for murders of lots of animals and cutting of rain forest ... and their burgers are still the same junk (like all industrial & chemical food).

ACTIONS

Lots of anti-Shell actions - like windowsmashing, cutting of petrol-tubes, sugar into petrol tanks, paint-bombs, liberation of teddy-bears etc etc. And other anti-aprtheid actions as well, directed against Danish-South African Society, Privatbanken and others.
3-4 there were coordinated actions in Scandinavia, to support BZ in Baldersgade, who are threatened with eviction.
9-4 hundreds of minks are liberated from a mink farm at Jægerspris, by "Action Freedom".
13-4 "Action Freedom" hits again - lot of paint thrown at a fur-shop in Copenhagen.
14-4 about 200 anti-racists break into TV2s studio in Valby, Copenhagen, and cut off a live broadcast with (among others) the nazi-"führer" Poul Heinrich Riis Knudsen. Police were called for, but all activists managed to escape.
16-5 About 30 people moves into the Councils accomodation agency, with some of their furniture. After 45 minutes they were told to "fuck off" by 15 riot-gear cops together with 6 plain clothes.
30-5 60-70 people from BZ and Christinia occupies the Parliament (first time The Holy Parliament itself ever was occupied...), to protest the new law about Christinia, and the general hetz agaisnt the left wing and Free Areas and government anti-social cuts in social services.

ANTI NATO

During the NATO exercise "Avenue Express" mid June, in south Sjælland, protest actions were carried out:
A blockade disturbed the helicopter landing, so that some of the troops ran confused about, and most of the General Staff were shut up. The activists were standing in two lines, carrying white STOP NATO headbands and a big banner.
One night Næstved (biggest town in the area were spray-painted into a "NATO free sone". Handbills were distributed telling the local population to report all damages made by the soldiers and ask for big compensations.
Another night a military train - about 50 wagons - were painted with "NATO out of Denmark" in danish and german (the train is going back through Germany).
April 4. was NATOs 40 years birthday. This was celebrated at the Town Hall in Copenhagen, where 400 NATO-friends had a big party. But also by 300 anti-NATO activists - they threw paint-bombs and maroons at the Town Hall and at the cops. The demo was not reported (illegal) and organized by BZ - posters had been all over the city - but though the police this way knew of the demo, and were prepared, the activists managed to carry through and go away from the Town Hall, with no arrests. Later on, a little away, there was streetfights for a short time one person were arrested.

HUNGERSTRIKE ACTIONS

Here has been several actions to support the german political prisoners' demand for better prison conditions.
11-5 a coordinated action happened in Bruxelles, with people from Germany, Netherlands, Schweiz and Denmark - lots of arrests
7 people were isolated for 6 days - and at the same time there was an action against the german consulate in Århus, and at a newspaper in Copenhagen.
20-5 the Belgian embassy in Copenhagen got its windows smashed etc, as a follow-up action to 11-5.